CHAPTER 226

(HCR 8)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to require the Transportation Cabinet to consider the installation of cable barriers on the Gene Snyder Freeway in Jefferson County.

WHEREAS, October 4, 2005, an accident on the Gene Snyder Freeway resulted in the death of four Kentucky residents, including three students of Eastern High School in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, a blown tire caused the vehicle in this accident to cross the median of the Snyder Freeway into two lanes of high speed traffic creating this tragic result; and

WHEREAS, since the year 2000 to the date of this October 4, 2005 accident, fourteen crashes have been reported on the Snyder Freeway involving a vehicle crossing this median; and

WHEREAS, the Gene Snyder Freeway is in dire need of median barriers to protect the motoring public from these types of accidents which all too often lead to dreadful consequences; and

WHEREAS, several states are using cable barriers on their interstate highways with tremendously effective results, including North Carolina, which reported a significant drop in fatalities where cable barriers are being utilized:

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall consider the installation of cable barriers on the Gene Snyder Freeway in Jefferson County as a deterrent to accidents caused by motor vehicles crossing the median into oncoming traffic.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner of Highways in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the Director of the Kentucky Office of the Federal Highway Administration.

Approved April 22, 2006.